

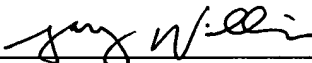
REMARKS

In Response to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment dated November 18, 2004, submitted herewith is a complete copy of the claims, including the designation that claims 1-49 have been canceled.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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